

# What is Youth Work?

Youth work is complementary to the formal, academic or vocational education of a young person. It is a planned programme designed to help and support the personal and social development of the young person. Youth work is based on voluntary involvement and provided mainly by youth work organisations at local community level. It can take place in youth clubs, youth groups, youth projects and youth services with professional youth workers and volunteers. Youth work was given formal statutory recognition in the Youth Work Act 2001.

# Intercultural Youth Work

Intercultural youth work is based on the understanding that ethnic and cultural diversity enriches our communities and that in intercultural youth settings everyone has a sense of belonging, is respected, and can contribute. It recognises the need to build programmes that support this, that builds trust with families and develops skills and competencies. It considers it to be the responsibility of all to work towards achieving a society based on equity and inclusion where all young people can reach their potential. This involves the development of practice and policies that facilitate dialogue to build understanding and collaboration among and between different cultures and ethnic groups. It recognises that racism is a barrier to inclusion and that steps must be taken to address it.

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# Youth Work Activities for Children and Young People in Co. Westmeath

This leaflet was developed by the National Youth Council of Ireland to support young people in Asylum Seeker Accommodation Centres and young people in Refugee Resettlement Projects to link with Youth Activities in their area

## Accommodation Centres in Co. Westmeath

**Athlone  
Moate**

**NYCI** National  
Youth  
Council  
of Ireland

## ما هو العمل الشبابي؟

العمل الشبابي هو المكمل للتعليم الأكاديمي أو الرسمي أو المهني للشباب. هو برنامج مخطط ومصمم لمساعدة ودعم تطوير الشباب ذاتيا واجتماعيا. العمل الشبابي يعتمد أساسا علي العمل التطوعي و مصدره الرئيسي منظمات الشباب علي مستوى المجتمع المحلي. ويمكن إقامته بنوادي الشباب، الحلقات الشبابيه، مشروعات الشباب أو الأماكن الخدميه بالتعاون مع عاملين مختصين في العمل مع الشباب و متطوعين.

## ما هو العمل الشبابي الثقافي؟

هو ما أدرك أن الاختلاف الثقافي و العرقي بالمجتمعات يزيدها ثراء. وهذا الاتجاه يتضمن تطوير السياسات والمعاملات التي من شأنها أن تدعم التو اصل و التفاهم و التكامل بين المجموعات المختلفه ثقافيا و عرقيا. وإنه لضروره لضمان التلاحم المجتمعي و العيش المتجانس بين الثقافات المختلفه في المجتمع الواحد. كما يؤمن أن العمل به مسؤوليه و التزام من الجميع للوصول إلي مجتمع مبني علي المساواه و التضامن. و قد أدرك الحاجه لإنشاء برامج تدعم الشخصيه الثقافيه و الانتماء و بناء الثقه مع العائلات و تطوير المهارات و التنافسيه. إن العمل الشبابي الثقافي ليس بإضافه و إنما هو راسخ في تفكيرنا و تخطيطنا وتقييمنا لضمان الوصول لنتائج عادله و متساويه للجميع.



Youth Work Ireland, Equality 17 Conference, 2017.

## Qu'est-ce que le 'Youth Work'?

Le 'Youth Work' est complémentaire à l'éducation formelle, académique ou d'apprentissage d'une jeune personne. C'est un programme planifié conçu pour aider et soutenir le développement individuel and social de la jeune personne. Le travail pour jeune est basé sur l'engagement volontaire et est fourni principalement par des organisations bénévoles de travail de jeune au niveau d'une communauté locale. Il peut se passer dans des clubs de jeunesse, des groupes de jeunesse, des projets ou des services de jeunesse, avec des travailleurs professionnels de jeunesse and des bénévoles. Le travail pour jeune avait reçu une reconnaissance statutaire dans la Loi de 2001 sur le Travail avec les Jeunes.

## L'Interculturalisme?

Le travail interculturel des jeunes est basé sur la compréhension que la diversité ethnique et culturelle enrichit nos communautés et que dans les contextes interculturels des jeunes, tout le monde a (devrait avoir) un sentiment d'appartenance, est respecté et peut contribuer. Il reconnaît la nécessité de mettre en place des programmes qui soutiennent cela, qui renforcent la confiance avec les familles et développent les aptitudes et les compétences. Il considère qu'il est de la responsabilité de tous d'œuvrer à la réalisation d'une société fondée sur l'équité et l'inclusion où tous les jeunes peuvent réaliser leur potentiel. Cela implique l'élaboration de pratiques et de stratégies qui facilitent le dialogue afin de renforcer la compréhension et la collaboration entre les différentes cultures et groupes ethniques. Il reconnaît que le racisme est un obstacle à l'inclusion et que des mesures doivent être prises pour y remédier.

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## Youth Groups in Westmeath

### Youth Work Ireland Midlands

We provide a community-based response to young people's needs by offering them the opportunity to contribute to and participate in social education, artistic and recreational activities. We also provide a Youth Information Service.

**Location:** there are range of locations for youth groups in Co Westmeath; contact us for more details and see [www.youthworkmidlands.org/blank-ulzx4](http://www.youthworkmidlands.org/blank-ulzx4)

**When do we meet:** Weekly

**Age group:** 10-24

**When and how can you join?** There is a range of different groups throughout the year. Contact us for more details.

**Contact details:** Geraldine Lacey CEO, [glacey@youthworkmidlands.org](mailto:glacey@youthworkmidlands.org) or 090 647 7075 / 086 123 7142

**Athlone area:** Joanne Naughton - 086 795 5334 or [jnaughton@youthworkmildands.org](mailto:jnaughton@youthworkmildands.org)

**Mullingar area:** Catherine McEntee - 086 795 5354 [cmcentee@youthworkmildands.org](mailto:cmcentee@youthworkmildands.org)

**Youth Information:** Edweena Farrell: 086 795 5684 or [efarrell@youthworkmidlands.org](mailto:efarrell@youthworkmidlands.org)

**Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the youth centres.

**Web:** [www.youthworkmidlands.org](http://www.youthworkmidlands.org)



Young People at NYC1's launch of their research **Make Minority a Priority**: a research report on the insights from minority ethnic young people growing up in Ireland and recommendations for the youth work sector [[www.youth.ie/articles/make-minority-a-priority-report/](http://www.youth.ie/articles/make-minority-a-priority-report/)]

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## Що таке робота з молоддю?

Робота з молоддю є доповненням до формальної, академічної чи професійної освіти молодшої людини. Це спланована програма, покликана допомогти та підтримати особистий та соціальний розвиток молодшої людини. Робота з молоддю базується на добровільному залученні та здійснюється переважно молодіжними організаціями на рівні місцевих громад. Це може відбуватися в молодіжних клубах, молодіжних групах, молодіжних проектах і молодіжних службах з професійними молодіжними працівниками та волонтерами. Робота з молоддю була офіційно визнана в Законі про роботу з молоддю 2001 року.

## Міжкультурна робота з молоддю

Міжкультурна молодіжна робота базується на розумінні того, що етнічне та культурне розмаїття збагачує наші спільноти і що в міжкультурному молодіжному середовищі кожен має почуття приналежності, поважається та може зробити свій внесок. Вона вбачає необхідність створювати програми, які підтримують це, які зміцнюють довіру в родині і розвивають навички та компетенції. Вона передбачає відповідальність усіх працювати над досягненням суспільства, заснованого на справедливості та інклюзивності, де всі молоді люди зможуть реалізувати свій потенціал. Це передбачає розвиток практики та політик, які сприяють діалогу для побудови розуміння та співпраці між різними культурами та етнічними групами. Вона вбачає, що расизм є перешкодою для інклюзивності та що необхідно вжити заходів для його усунення.

## Other specialist youth organisations:

These youth organisations may offer something to those with specialist interests.

**Boys Brigade** and **Girls Brigade**: National uniformed organisations underpinned by the Christian faith

**Irish Red Cross Youth**: Youth section of Irish Red Cross

**Irish Youth Orchestras**: Umbrella body for community-based music groups

**Localise**: National Youth Volunteers organisation that enables young people to be change makers in their community through service to others

**No Name Club**: National youth clubs that promote a lifestyle in which the use of alcohol or drugs is seen to be unnecessary

**Order of Malta**: Junior section of the ambulance corps

**SpunOut**: Interactive online community providing information on health, signposting to support services, and offering a youth media space

**USI**: Union of Students in Ireland

**USSI**: Union of Secondary Schools in Ireland, supporting young people having a voice and decision making

**Voluntary Services International (VSI)**: Focus on youth volunteering in Ireland and overseas

**Young Irish Filmmakers**: A national development and educational youth film making organisation with their base in Co Kilkenny

For details on all of the above and to see more options see [www.youth.ie/get-involved/members/](http://www.youth.ie/get-involved/members/)

## Scouting Ireland

Scouting Ireland is part of the worldwide movement of Scouting. We work through a non-formal educational approach with boys and girls. We focus on the development of young people as whole individuals, by building knowledge, skills, responsibility but above all character. In Ireland, as across the globe, Scouting works on team building, leadership, outdoor learning, a code of living and service to others. Scouting Ireland is working toward an inclusive environment, that it is not just open to all, but welcoming to all.

**Location**: There are a number of scouting groups in Westmeath. For locations see [www.scouts.ie/Get-involved/Group-Locator/](http://www.scouts.ie/Get-involved/Group-Locator/)

**When do we meet**: Usually once a week from September to July as well as overnight trips

**Age Groups**: Beavers aged 6–8; Cub Scouts aged 9–11; Scouts aged 12–15; Venture Scouts aged 15–17; and Rovers aged 18–25

**Contact Details**: Áine Ferris on [aferris@scouts.ie](mailto:aferris@scouts.ie) or phone 087 3425899

**When and how you can join**: Enquire anytime. Places can be limited if we don't have enough Leaders. You may have to wait until September to join your local group. [[www.scouts.ie/about/About-Scouting](http://www.scouts.ie/about/About-Scouting)]

**Travel**: Young people would need to travel to the group.





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## Gaisce: The President's Award

Gaisce – The President's Award is a self-development programme that encourages young people aged 14-25 to find their passion, get active and make a difference in their community. Gaisce is a direct challenge from the President of Ireland to young people to dream big and realise their potential. There are three levels of Gaisce – Bronze, Silver and Gold. The more time and energy you give, the greater the reward. By taking part in Gaisce, you will take on exciting personal, physical, community, and team challenges and develop new skills and new friendships. A President's Award Leader (PAL) will support you throughout your Award Journey.

Gaisce aims to ensure young people aged 14-25 who are seeking asylum, or who are refugees in Ireland have the opportunity to participate in Gaisce – The President's Award.

**Location:** Various locations, contact the Gaisce team for more information

**When do we meet:** Participants engage with a project for 1 hour a week as a minimum.

**Age group:** 14 – 25

**When and how you can join:** Anytime during the year

**Contact details:** Email Karol Quinn at [karol@gaisce.ie](mailto:karol@gaisce.ie) or call 087 3393301

**Website:** [www.gaisce.ie](http://www.gaisce.ie)

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## Foróige

Our purpose is to enable young people to involve themselves consciously and actively in their development and in the development of society. Foróige works with all young people through our general services. Foróige services encourage young people to take responsibility for themselves and to be part of shaping the world around them while developing their talents, skills and abilities. We also work with vulnerable young people who require additional support through a full range of targeted services.

**Location:** District Foróige Club, Athlone For more locations in Co Westmeath see [www.foroige.ie/foroige-map](http://www.foroige.ie/foroige-map)

**When do we meet:** Weekly

**Age group:** 10–18

**When and how you can join:** There is a range of different groups throughout the year contact for more details.

**Contact details:** Eastern Area Manager, Colin McAree, phone: 086 648 1459 or email: [Colin.mcaree@foroige.ie](mailto:Colin.mcaree@foroige.ie)

**Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the youth clubs

**Web:** [www.foroige.ie](http://www.foroige.ie)

## Athlone Spectrum

Athlone Spectrum is a place where individuality is celebrated. The LGBT+ group and support service is for young people aged between 12–18 years. The group aims to support their development, build confidence, and be a place to make new friends.

**Location:** St. Mary's Hall, Northgate Street, Athlone, Co. Westmeath

**When do we meet:** The group meets twice a week from 6.00–7:30pm on Mondays and from 5:30–6:30pm on Fridays.

**Age group:** 12–18

**When and how you can join:** There is a range of different groups throughout the year contact for more details.

**Contact details:** Mary O'Neil, email: [mary.oneill@foroige.ie](mailto:mary.oneill@foroige.ie) or 086 027 9149

**Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the youth club.

**Web:** [belongto.org/westmeath/](http://belongto.org/westmeath/)  
[www.facebook.com/AthloneSpectrumLGBTI](https://www.facebook.com/AthloneSpectrumLGBTI)

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# Irish Girl Guides

Irish Girl Guides (IGG) is a youth-driven, dynamic organisation offering a varied and exciting programme for girls and young women aged 5-30, and opportunities for women of all ages. As a girl-only movement, girls are free to develop and express themselves in a safe, comfortable, supported setting. Our members learn new skills, grow in self-confidence, develop teamwork and leadership skills, experience new activities, and build lifelong friendships. We have a strong emphasis on the outdoors, environment, community responsibility and global sisterhood. IGG actively promotes diversity and inclusion and welcomes girls and young women from all walks of life.

**Location:** There are a number of groups throughout Westmeath see [www.irishgirlguides.ie/unit-locator/](http://www.irishgirlguides.ie/unit-locator/) for more information.

**When do we meet:** Weekly, usually from September to May / June

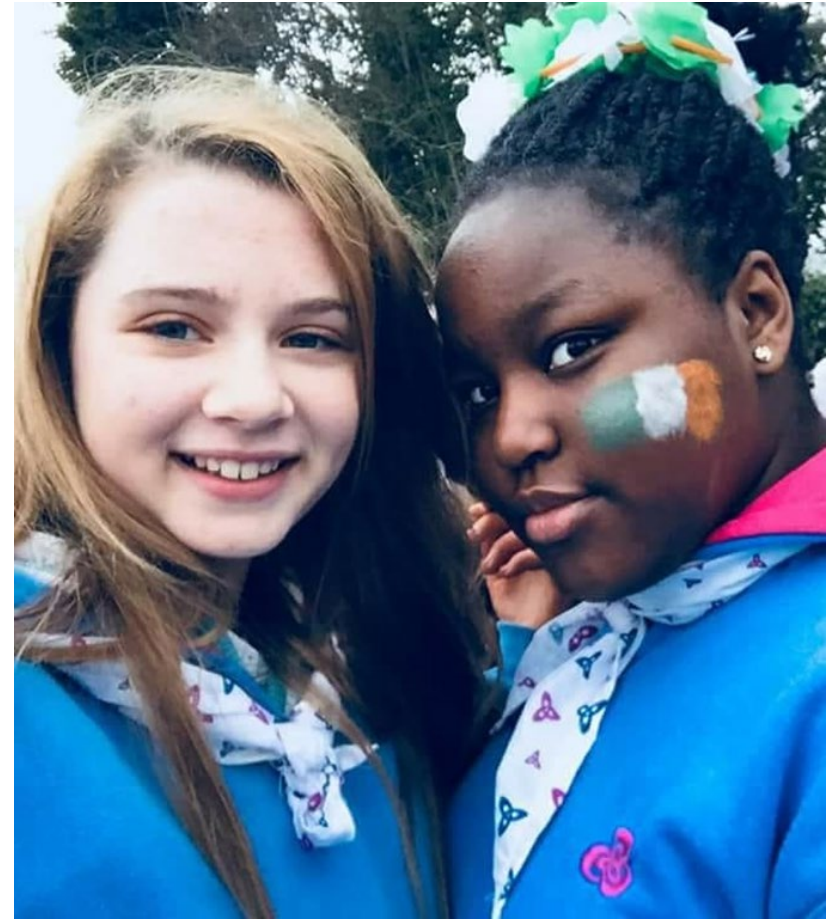
**Age groups:** Ladybirds aged 5-7; Brownies aged 7-10; Guides aged 10-14; Senior Branch aged 14-30

**Contact details:** Mary at [info@irishgirlguides.ie](mailto:info@irishgirlguides.ie) or phone 01 668 3898

**When and how you can join IGG:** Enquire any time. Places can be limited if we don't have enough Leaders. You may have to wait until September to join your local group:  
[www.irishgirlguides.ie/how-to-get-involved](http://www.irishgirlguides.ie/how-to-get-involved)

**Travel:** Young people would need to travel to the group.

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Irish Girl Guides, Ennis, Co Clare – Photo courtesy of IGG